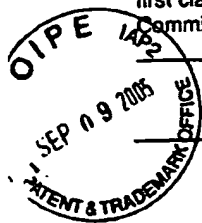


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 7, 2005

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Dear Sir:

This in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2005, in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 - 9 in view of the following amendments/remarks

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.